

## How do I sign up?

**Make a commitment:** Sign an interagency agreement with Western to purchase RECs or renewable energy, in which you specify:

- Renewable product desired
- Quantity
- Location
- Maximum price
- Time frame of the agreement

**Let Western handle the rest:** After interagency agreements have been signed, Western will issue an RFP to purchase certifiable RECs or renewable energy for participating agencies. After review and careful consideration of the proposals, Western will sign a contract with the acceptable renewable supplier(s).

- The supplier provides the certified RECs to Western annually and Western pays the supplier. A supplier for renewable energy will need to make additional arrangements to deliver energy to the site.
- Western invoices each agency annually for its portion of the REC purchase. Renewable energy purchase invoices will be arranged with the purchaser and supplier.
- Upon payment from the agency, Western sends the agency a certificate of transfer for the RECs.
- Agencies that purchase renewable energy will receive both the energy and the environmental benefits including a certificate of authenticity.
- Each year Western will update the IA to continue the purchase for the contract time frame.

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<http://www.wapa.gov/powerm/pmtags.htm>

## About Western

Western is a Federal power marketing administration that sells hydroelectric power in 15 states in the central and western United States. With power marketing authority and the authority of the Economy Act, Western can provide renewable resources to Federal agencies. Western provides renewable resource services based solely on the cost of these services.



For more information, visit our Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov>.

## About FEMP

The Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program works to reduce the cost and environmental impact of the Federal government by advancing energy efficiency and water conservation, promoting the use of distributed and renewable energy and improving utility management decisions at Federal sites. FEMP is available to assist Federal agencies with renewable purchases through Western's Federal renewable program.



For more information regarding FEMP's renewable program, visit the FEMP renewable Web site at  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/renewable\\_energy.cfm](http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/renewable_energy.cfm).

## EPA's Green Power Partners

Federal agencies that purchase renewable resources may also be eligible to join the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership, a voluntary program designed to reduce the environmental impact of electricity generation by promoting renewable energy.



For details, see EPA's GPP Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.

# RENEWABLE RESOURCES FOR

# FEDERAL AGENCIES

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# WHY purchase renewable resources?

- Improve the environment
- Increase national security by lessening dependence on imported energy
- Manage exposure to rising or volatile energy prices
- Support economic development
- Meet Energy Policy Act of 2005 Federal renewable energy use requirements and get a green light on your Energy Scorecard

## Renewable resources for Federal agencies

Western Area Power Administration and the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program are working together to assist Federal agencies meet renewable energy goals. Agencies can purchase renewable energy and its benefits, which will improve your agency's Annual Energy Scorecard, reduce emissions and foster markets for emerging technologies.

It is easy and cost effective to obtain renewable resources through Western. Western can procure renewable energy certificates and renewable energy from suppliers through a request for proposals process and pass the energy and/or benefits on to your agency. FEMP provides funding to cover the administrative cost of acquiring the renewable resources from suppliers, a savings to participants.



## Meeting your energy goals

Two renewable resource products are available:

- RECs, the simplest approach
- Renewable energy delivered to your site

## Renewable Energy Certificates

RECs are the environmental attributes of power generated from renewable electric plants. No energy is physically delivered to your site; only the environmental attributes of renewable generation are purchased. For sites where renewable power delivery is restricted because of physical or institutional barriers, this product may be your agency's best option.

## Product benefits:

- No transmission or ancillary services are required
- No impact to your existing power supplier

## Renewable energy delivered to you

If you are a Western customer, we may be able to buy and deliver renewable energy to your facility. Costs include renewable power generation, transmission (if needed), related ancillary services, distribution (if needed) and program administration. An agency receiving its power from another utility will need to obtain the cooperation of that utility before arrangements can be made to deliver renewable energy from Western.

## Product benefits:

- Manage potential price volatility of conventional power generation
- Western customers may have transmission cost savings
- Clean energy delivered to your facility

For more details on purchasing renewable energy or RECs in your specific situation, contact your local Western representative or the contacts on the back of this brochure.

## Recent purchases

- In 2002, Western purchased RECs from Basin Electric Power Cooperative on behalf of Ellsworth (South Dakota) and Warren (Wyoming) Air Force bases.
- Western purchased renewable energy from American Electric Power on behalf of Edwards Air Force Base in California.
- In 2004, Western purchased RECs from Aquila, Inc. and 3 Phases Energy Services on behalf of the EPA in California, Kansas and Colorado.
- In 2005, Western purchased RECs from Sterling Planet on behalf of DOE sites and Department of the Army's Fort Carson.

